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Applicants gratefully acknowledge the telephone call from Examiner Kazimi on December 22, 2005, in which the Examiner indicated that prosecution of the above-identified application has been re-opened. Furthermore, the Examiner indicated that he will either issue an office action or a notice of allowance in the near future, and that no further action is required by Applicants at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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